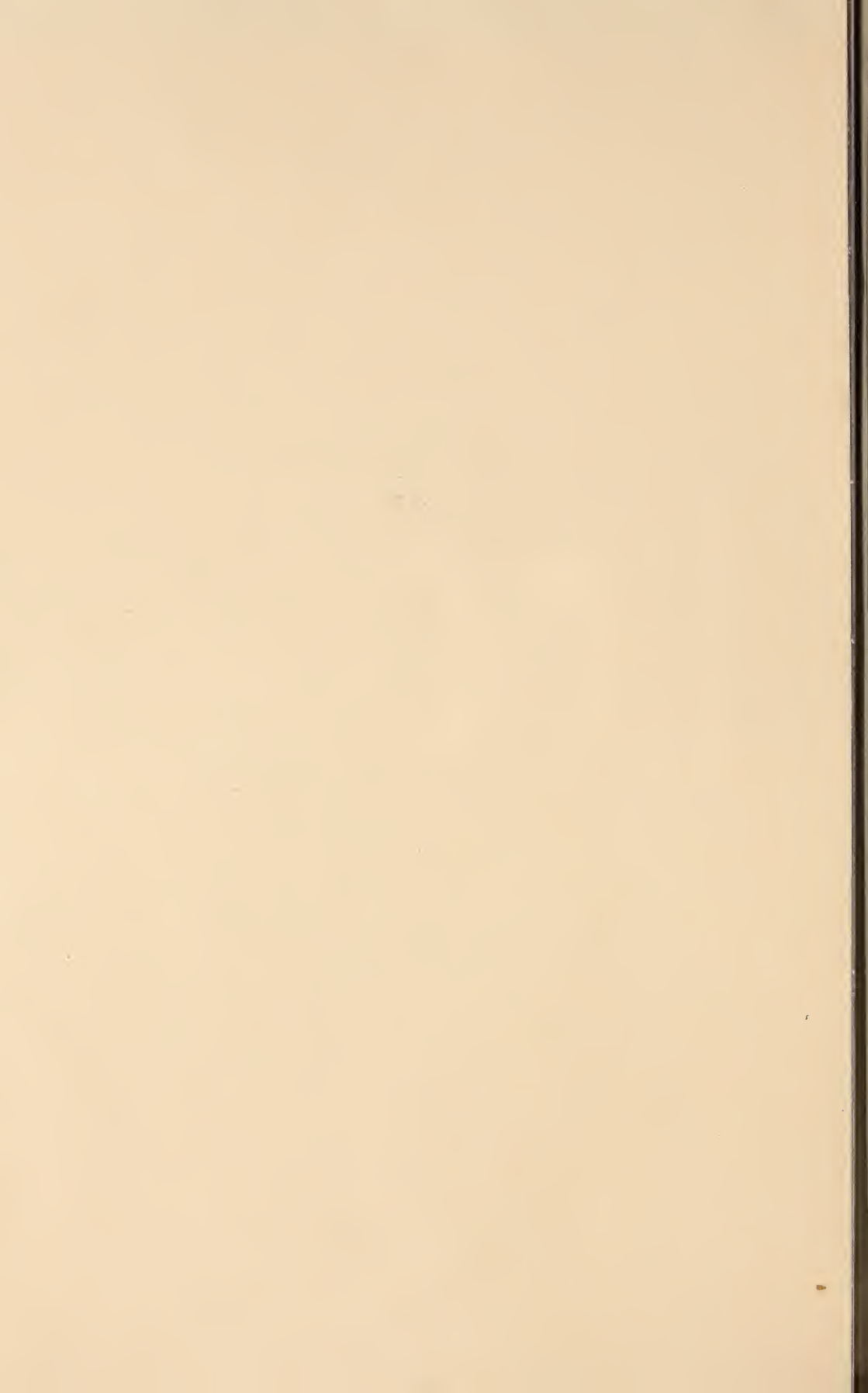


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LAST BARGAIN OFFER IN PLANTS.

TEN CHOICE PLANTS MAILED FOR ONLY 25 CENTS.

Last month I offered a bargain in plants, and I did not expect to do so this month, but I find that I need more room in my greenhouses to store plants that must be removed from their summer quarters, and I make the following offer:



REX BEGONIA.

Begonia, Dewdrop.—A splendid summer and winter-blooming Begonia; shining foliage and clusters of superb wax-like white flowers. Any person can grow it. Each 10 cts.

Coleus, Princess Yetiva.—This is the name suggested by a patron for the most beautiful seedling Coleus raised on my grounds last season. It is truly handsome, having large, showy leaves, the ground color carmine, with chocolate and rich green markings. Easily grown, and very beautiful. It will please you. Price, 10 cents each.

House Fern.—I have a fine lot of choice Ferns for the window or conservatory. Name what you would like. If I cannot supply it I will give you a fine Fern of my own selection.

Impatiens Holstii or Sultani. winter-blooming, everblooming, rich in both foliage and flowers; most easily grown and most effective of window plants. Price 10 cents each.

Latania Borbonica.—The most easily grown of Palms, and one of the most beautiful and desirable. A good-sized plant is admirable for table, room or hall decoration. Small, but well-rooted plants, 10 cents.

Sansevieria Zeylanica.—This is a succulent plant but a grand acquisition; foliage erect, dark green, with silvery bars; always of beautiful, stately appearance. Can be grown by any person. Price, 10 cents each.

Rex Begonia. a fine plant of a choice named variety. I have a splendid collection of these elegant foliage Begonias, and can supply of many named varieties. Such handsome little plants as I now offer are usually sold at 15 cents each. This cannot fail to please you.


Aralia Moserae.—A new and beautiful foliage plant introduced by Parisian florists. It is of easy culture, has shining foliage of tropical appearance, and is an elegant pot-plant, preferred by some to a Palm. Every window-gardener will succeed with this superb foliage plant. Price, 10 cents each.


Asparagus plumosus nanus.—Known as Lace Fern, because of its delicate, lace-like foliage; dark green, elegant for cutting; a charming pot plant for the window-garden. 10 cents each.

Asparagus Sprengerii. one of the most beautiful of basket and vase plants; foliage is delicate, apple-green, very dense and attractive. See engraving. Price 10 cents.



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERII.

 The above ten plants I will mail for only 25 cents, if ordered this month; or if you will select 15 plants from the "Pick Them Out" list on another page, paying 75 cents for the 15 plants, I will mail these 10 plants as a premium. See your neighbors and get up a club.

 **SUBSTITUTES**—If you have any of the above ten plants you may select substitutes from the following: Begonias Decorum and Robusta, Boston Smilax, Crassula cordata, Eranthemum pulchellum and Euphorbia splendens.

The above is a real bargain. I shall offer plants next month, closing the season, but this is the last plant bargain of the year. If you want these plants order this month. I cannot extend the offer beyond October. You can get them free by getting up a club order of 15 plants at 5 cents each. Don't delay.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lanc. Co., Pa.



SINGLE TULIP.



DOUBLE TULIP.



SINGLE NARCISSUS.



DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

25 Choice Hardy Bulbs FOR 25 CENTS.



SNOWDROP.



SCILLA NUTANS.



SCILLA SIBERICA.



SPARAXIS.



OFFER my friends the finest collection of Choice Hardy Bulbs that has ever been advertised, and at a great bargain. These are all handsome, named sorts, grown for me in immense quantities by Holland specialists, and imported this season. They are not inferior, cheap or mixed bulbs, but such as will give perfect satisfaction, and I guarantee them to please you. They will be mailed early in October. Here is the list:

Single Tulip, early spring flower; rich color.
Double Tulip, blooms later; effective and beautiful.
Narcissus Peticus, white flower, pink cup, lovely.
Alba plena odorata, double, Gardenia-scented.
Leedsi, a superb newer sort; white.
Incomparabilis, yellow double Daffodil.
Campernelle Jonquil, large, yellow, fragrant.
Crocus, Large yellow, splendid early spring flower.
Scilla Siberica, blue, very early and handsome.
Nutans, spikes of drooping bells; charming.
Muscari alba, the lovely blue Grape Hyacinth.
Allium luteum, lovely yellow-flowered garden bulb.
Sparaxis, Giant sort, very brilliant flowers.
Iris Hispanica Chrysotora, hardy golden Iris.
Blanchard, pure white hardy Iris.
Alex Von Humboldt, fine blue Iris.
Gladolus Nanus, the rare dwarf Gladiolus; fine.
Fritillaria Meleagris, charming spring flowers.
Ornithogalum umbellatum, starry flowers.
Anemone coronaria, single, large, Poppy-like fl'ws.
Coronaria, fl.pl. showy, double, Poppy-like flowers.
Ranunculus, Double French, superb large flowers.

The above bulbs are all easily grown, and I will include full cultural directions with every collection, so that all who plant them will succeed. I hope everyone of my patrons will order the above collection, and ask others to send with them. To encourage club orders I will send an extra lot (25 bulbs) for an order of four collections (\$1.00); or for an order for 10 collections (\$2.50) I will send 24 Choice Hyacinth Bulbs in 24 finest named double and single varieties. Please see your friends at once, and get up a big club. A trial subscription to Park's Floral Magazine will be included with every collection.

These bulbs are all suitable for either house or garden culture. The illustrations will give some idea of their appearance and beauty. Order at once. The earlier you get the bulbs the better will they grow and bloom.

GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Lanc. Co., Pa.



CROCUS.



IRIS.



MUSCARI.



ANEMONE.

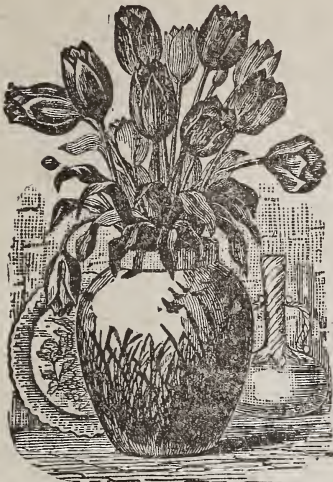


ALLIUM.



GLADIOLUS.

BEAUTIFUL NAMED TULIPS.



I offer collections embracing all of the best Tulips known. The bulbs are first size, and sure to make a gorgeous display either in house or garden. I recommend Tulips, especially for planting out, however, as they are subject to insects when grown in the house. Out-doors they are entirely hardy, have no enemies, and a group or bed of them is glorious in early spring.

Collection A—Single Early Tulips, 10 Bulbs 15 Cents.

Bizard Pronkert, scarlet striped yellow.
Chrysolora, large golden yellow, very fine.
Cottage Maid, rich rose, striped white; splendid.
Couleur Ponceau, beautiful cherry red.
Crimson King, large, bright crimson.

L'Inmaculee, charming pure white; very fine.
Marie Stuart, very handsome rose.
Marquis de Westrade, yellow, striped red.
Moucheron, scarlet, very rich and showy.
Pigeon, white; distinct and beautiful.

The above collection embraces all colors, and if bedded together, when in bloom they will make a grand display. In a large bed they are gorgeous. For planting in quantity I will deliver the bulbs at express office here, for \$1.10 per hundred; \$10.00 per thousand. Planting and cultural directions free.

Collection B—Double and Parrot Tulips, 10 Bulbs 15 Cents.

Agnes, flaming vermillion scarlet.
Duke of York, variegated red and white.
Lady Palmerston, large, charming light rose.
Rose Blanche, immense flower; pure white.
Scarlet King, bright red, very showy.

Titian, scarlet, with broad gold margin.
Yellow Rose, pure yellow, very double.
Admiral de Constantinople, Parrot; red.
Lutea Major, Parrot, fine yellow.
Perfecta, Parrot, yellow and red.

This list embraces all the colors in Double Early and Parrot Tulips. They bloom later than the preceding, but are equally as showy and beautiful. For beds I will supply the bulbs by express, delivered here, at \$1.10 per hundred, equal quantities of each variety. Set the double Tulips in the centre; the Parrots use as a margin.

Collection C—Late and Botanical Tulips, 10 Bulbs 15 Cents.

Blue Flag, double, late, fine purplish blue.
Overwinner, double, late, violet and white, striped.
Marriage de Ma Fille, double, late, red and white.
Peony Red, double, late, dark red, large, showy.
Prince de Galitzen, double, late, yellow.

Florentina odorata, single, fragrant, yellow.
Gesneriana, tall, scarlet, black centre.
Picotee, single, late, white, edged pink.
Golden Crown, late, yellow, edged red.
Macrosopila, single, late, deep pink.

The above are late and very late Tulips of great beauty. They are splendid in groups or beds, and elicit high praise. They are generally sold at fancy prices, being rare. I offer the collection of ten bulbs for 15 cents by mail; or by the hundred, equal quantities of each, at \$1.10, delivered at express office here.

Collection D—Darwin Tulips, 10 Bulbs 20 Cents.

These New Tulips are noted for their rare and beautiful colors, and gaudy appearance. I offer bulbs of a very superior strain, and in the very finest named sorts. The colors are as follows:

Darwin white. Deep Blue.	Darwin black. Light Blue.	Darwin bronze. Crimson.	Darwin pink. Flesh-color.	Darwin scarlet. Bouten d'Or, yellow.
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The Darwin Tulips originated in Belgium under the care of Louis Van Houtte. These I offer are an improvement of the original, effected by Krelage, in Holland. The plants grow two feet high, bloom in May and June, show flowers of enormous size and great substance, and of vivid and distinct self colors; hardy, will grow almost anywhere, and last for years. Yellow is not found in Darwin Tulips, and I add the handsome tall botanical Tulip, Bouten d'Or, to complete the list of colors. The 10 bulbs, 20 cents by mail; 100 bulbs delivered to express office here \$1.80.

Collection E—Giant or Tree Tulips, 2 Bulbs 15 Cents.

These grow upwards of two feet high, branching like a tree, and bearing an immense flower at the tip of each branch. They bloom very late in the season, mostly in May or June, and are exceedingly showy in a group, or even in single specimens.

Tree Tulip , violet, striped white, of robust growth, each plant bearing several flowers, cup-shaped, and of great substance. 8 cts. per bulb.	Tree Tulip , scarlet with blue centre; vigorous, often two feet high, mostly branching, bearing large, showy flowers. 8 cts. per bulb.
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These Tree Tulips are hybrids from species found in Asia Minor. They require a deep, rich soil to develop perfectly, but are hardy, and may be regarded as of easy culture.

SPECIAL OFFER:—I will mail the above described collections of Tulips, 42 bulbs in all, also a 10-bulb collection of the hardy, Orchid-flowering Iris, for 75 cents. Or, get up a club for five 15-cent Tulip collections (75 cents) and I will add any Tulip collection you may select, and include the 10-bulb Iris collection, for your trouble. The bulbs are all of large size, and could not be purchased singly at less than from 3 to 10 cents each. Cultural directions go with every package. Orders filled in rotation as soon as the bulbs are ready, which will be early in October. Address

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lanc. Co., Pa.

BARGAINS IN CHOICE HYACINTHS.

Hyacinths are among the earliest and most beautiful of hardy spring flowers, and to favor my friends I have secured and imported from Holland, where the best bulbs are grown, three collections, embracing the most beautiful and desirable varieties in cultivation. These are all fine, selected, blooming-sized bulbs, carefully grown, and will be sure to give satisfaction. They are suitable for either house or garden, and full directions for culture will accompany every package. These Hyacinths, potted now, will bloom handsomely in the window in winter, or they may be bedded out at once for spring blooming, as they are entirely hardy.



LARGE BULBS.—For 50 cents I will send larger bulbs of either of the above 30-cent collections. These are such bulbs as are mostly retailed at 12 cents each. These larger bulbs are preferable where the largest and showiest spikes of bloom are desired. I can also supply the Double Hyacinths in the larger size, the four bulbs at 25 cents. Address all orders to

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lanc. Co., Pa.

Collection No. 1—10 Bulbs, 30 Cts.

Light Pink, Baron Van Thuyll, bears elegant spikes of waxy bluish bells in fine spikes.

Deep Pink Gertrude, compact trusses of splendid bells; very fine.

Scarlet, Roi des Belges, large spike, rich and graceful; splendid.

Pure White, Alba Superbissima, large bells, immense compact spike; one of the best.

Blush White, Grandeur a Merveille, waxy bells, handsome spike; very fine.

Dark Blue Marie, large trusses, well-shaped bells of fine effect.

Lavender Blue La Peyrouse, fine spikes of elegant bells; exceedingly handsome.

Light Blue, Queen of the Blues, huge, broad, erect spikes; fine bells.

Orange Yellow-Herman, lovely bells gracefully set; attractive color; long truss.

Tinted White, Paix del Europe, long truss; large drooping bells; one of the best.

Collection No. 2—10 Bulbs, 30 Cts.

Deep Red, Robert Steiger, fine compact truss, graceful bells; showy.

Pink, Gigantea, closely-set waxy bells; large, handsome truss; extra fine.

Blush, Norma, light, graceful bells; fine truss; beautiful

Pure White, L'Innocence, elegant bells; large showy truss; fine.

Cream White, Baroness Van Thuyll, charming large spikes; bells show a primrose eye.

Tinted White, Mr. Plimsoll, waxy white, showy bells; fine spikes.

Deep Blue, King of the Blues, rich blue, very fine bells and spikes.

Dark Porcelain, Grand Matre, erect, handsome truss; large, showy bells.

Lilac Haydn, very fine spike and very charming drooping flowers.

Bright Yellow, Ida, distinct in color; elegant bells; full compact spikes.

Send 60 cents for two of the above Hyacinth collections, or send 60 cents for both collections, and I will add two double Hyacinths as a premium. All are healthy, hardy, and sure to do well in either house or garden. For large beds I will supply these fine Hyacinths, by mail or express, equal quantities of each variety, at \$2.50 per hundred, prepaid. A hundred bulbs will make a bed that will be the envy of your neighbors when in bloom in the spring, and will make a fine show every season for several years.

Double Hyacinths.—The Double Hyacinths are not so handsome or desirable as the single varieties, either for in-door or out-door culture, but I offer a collection of the finest sorts in four colors, as follows:

Collection No. 3—4 Bulbs, 15 Cts.

Bright Rose-pink, Noble par Merite, double, very handsome bells; compact truss.

Pure White, La Tour d'Auvergne, fine double flowers; heavy truss; a choice, elegant sort.

Bright Blue, Charles Dickens, grand compact spike; graceful bells; one of the finest varieties.

Fine Yellow, Goethe, excellent truss; lovely, graceful bells; rosy salmon, pinkish shading; attractive.

I will supply single named Hyacinths separately at 4 cents each or 40 cents per dozen, and double sorts at 5 cents each or 45 cents per dozen.

AS A PREMIUM.—I will mail you one Double Hyacinth for every additional order you send for the above 30-cent collections of Hyacinth; thus for a club of two (60 cents) I will mail one Double Hyacinth, your selection; for a club of four (\$1.20) four Double Hyacinths, etc. See your neighbors and get up a club.

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OCTOBER.

October wears her gold and red
On royal robe and slipped feet;
A crown of jems upon her head,
Her throne the woods where fairies meet,
A wealth of autumn flowers she brings
For those who love her gifts to glean;
While southward now the song-birds wing,
October reigns a graceful queen.
Tioga Co., N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

SPRING CROCUSES.

IMEDIATELY after the appearance of the large Snowdrop in our gardens in early spring, perhaps no other flowers make a finer display, or have a more cordial greeting than the Spring-flowering Crocuses. Naturalized in shady ways, or used as a border or edging, they are charming, as their showy, wax-like buds peep above the soil almost as soon as the snow is gone, and they show a pleasing range of colors. Massed together in a garden bed they are attractive, and much admired, and if properly managed in dishes of moist sand they bloom well in the window.

Many persons fail with spring-flowering Crocuses because they do not obtain and plant the bulbs early enough in the

fall. They should not be exposed to the air for a continued period. Planting or potting should be done in October. The bulbs will not do well if the work is deferred till November, and December is positively too late. You might almost as well throw your money away as to invest in Crocus bulbs during December. They rarely do any good.

Crocus bulbs dislike a heavy, damp soil, and being disturbed. A sandy, porous place where the bulbs can remain for several years is preferable. Set them two inches beneath the

surface, and cover the bed with fine stable litter. They may be successfully inserted promiscuously upon the lawn, but will bloom well for only one season, as they resent cutting or injury of the foliage. If English sparrows attack the plants in early spring stretch black cotton yarn across the bed a few inches above the surface. This is said to be an effectual preventive.

The secret in house culture of Crocuses is to keep the pots in a cool, moist atmosphere. Chopped tobacco stems scattered over the sand or soil will prevent an attack of Aphides. Six-



SPRING-FLOWERING CROCUSES.

inch dishes will accommodate eight or ten bulbs, and these will each give several flowers.

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EDITORIAL

Seedling Geraniums.—These mostly bloom in from six to twelve months after the plants appear above the ground. Spring-grown plants, bedded out in a sandy soil fully exposed to the sun, will often bloom freely during the autumn. If given plenty of room and light the plants will branch and become stocky. If shaded or crowded the tops will be straight and spindling. Avoid over-potting, when grown in the window, if you wish the plants to bloom early, as a root-bound condition promotes blooming. Clogged drainage or over-watering will often cause the leaves to turn yellow and drop, for the surplus water will destroy the fibrous roots. In pot culture it is better to use small pots at first, and shift to larger ones as the plants grow.

Lemon Dropping Fruit.—When a potted Lemon tree drops its fruit it is often because the roots are crowded or the drainage clogged. Repot after the fruit drops, using a larger pot, with charcoal drainage, and rich, porous soil. In potting firm the soil by hard pressing; water and shade till the plants become established.

Tubers Not Starting.—When Begonia and Gloxinia tubers fail to start it is mostly because the soil is kept too wet. Potted in sandy soil, the crown protruding, and kept in a rather warm, slightly shaded place in the spring, the tubers will start freely when properly watered.

NARCISSUS AND TULIPS.

FOR the house in winter the Paper White, Double Roman and large-bulbed Polyanthus Narcissus are fine. The Large Trumpet and Double Daffodil Narcissus also do well in the window. For an out-door display in the spring the single and double Trumpet varieties are preferable. They are sure to bloom, and the flowers are large and showy. If alternated with Tulips in rows four or five inches apart, and the bulbs three or four inches apart in the rows, the bright



DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

Tulip flowers will develop as the Narcissus blooms fade, and thus you will have an extended period of bloom. In preparing the bed throw off the surface soil, mark the rows, set the bulbs on the surface and throw on the soil, covering four inches deep. Firm the soil after this and mulch with stable litter. See that



SINGLE TULIP.

the bed is higher in the centre to insure drainage. Plant in October at the North. At the South it is often better to plant early in November. Under ordinary conditions avoid Tulips for house culture. They are rarely satisfactory in the window, unless obtained already in bloom from a successful florist.

Begonia Blight.—Rex and other Begonias are subject to a blight (fungus) which spots the leaves and turns them brown and dry. As soon as noticed remove the affected parts and dust the remaining foliage with lime and sulphur, equal parts, mixed. Also, put a thin dressing of the material upon the soil about the plant. Avoid sunshine while the dust is upon the foliage.

Bryophyllum calycinum.—This plant, known as Live-for-ever, is not valuable for its flowers, for it scarcely blooms, and when it does, the flowers are not showy, though curious. To get the plants to bloom keep them in small pots and let them become thoroughly root-bound, water sparingly and keep in a sunny place. They will bear a great amount of neglect.

Violets in Summer.—A Kansas subscriber sends a diminutive flower plucked from her English Violet plant, and wants to know why the buds do not develop fine flowers. The season has this effect. There are few Violets that show fine flowers in summer, although they continue to develop abortive flowers and seed-pods. It seems to be Nature's way, and we know of no remedy.

NOTES FOR OCTOBER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—I rejoice in the beauty of the foliage and flowers and vines with which Nature has decorated the earth. I rejoice in neat and trim surroundings, improved and made more tasteful and artistic by the labor of the industrious and skillful gardener. And I love the hazy autumn days, when the tall clumps of meadow plants reveal to the eye their wealth of purple and gold, and the cricket chorus with its many curious variations falls pleasantly upon the ear. But with all there is something touching that affects the thought, and gives a tone of sadness. As I look over the grounds and note the changes that have come with the months I am reminded of how quickly the summer has passed away, and the autumn appeared. It seems but a short time since the Crocus bloomed in the garden and the first song of the robin was heard among the budding trees. But today the planting time for the Crocus is at hand, and the robin has flown to its southern home. Very soon



CROCUS IN BLOOM.

King Frost will sway his icy scepter, and the flowers now blooming so beautifully will fall and yield their life before him. This is true of all the colder sections of our country. Those in Florida and other southern sections find the winter quite as pleasant and enjoyable as the summer. We cannot all enjoy the balmy air of Florida in winter, but we can, at the North, bring a breath of summer, and a reminder of its beauty and bloom to our homes by preparing a windowful of plants, to give brightness and fragrance during the months of snow and ice.



HYACINTHS IN BLOOM. are sure to bloom, and can be grown by anyone under ordinary conditions: *Abutilon Mesopotamicum*, *Eupatorium riparium*, *Heterocentron album*, *Cuphea platycentra*, *Lopesia rosea*, *Crassula cordata*,

Eranthemum pulchellum, Dewdrop Begonia, *Vinca rosea*, *Impatiens Sultanii* and *Holstii*, *Kenilworth Ivy* for baskets, and the various



DEWDROP BEGONIA.

Primroses—Chinese, *Obconica* and *Buttercup*. The *Pierson Fern*, *Cryptomeria Japonica*, *Grevillea robusta*, and *Latania borbonica* are good foliage plants of easy treatment, and the newer *Coloeus*, *Acalypha triumphans* and carmine *Achyranthus* show their rich colors where the temperature is warm and even. All these plants should be obtained in summer or early autumn, and given good care and sufficient pot room, in order to yield satisfactory results.

In this connection I wish to advise all who love spring flowers to plant *Hyacinths*, *Tulips*, *Crocuses*, *Narcissus* and *Iris* freely. Get the bulbs or roots this month and plant before November, if possible. *Crocuses* should be obtained and planted early, as they rarely do well if planting is deferred till November or December. All of these things are hardy, and if bedded out this autumn you will be richly rewarded next spring by an envious display of glorious bloom.



TULIP IN BLOOM.

The Editor.

La Park, Pa., Sept. 10, 1907.

Forced Bulbs.—*Tulips*, *Hyacinths*, *Narcissus*, etc., that have bloomed in pots during winter, should be watered until the tops begin to fade, then dry them off, shake them out, store in paper bags in a dry, cool place until the following October, then bed them out where they will be left undisturbed for several years. Do not try to have them bloom a second time in the window. Get other bulbs for pots, and let the forced bulbs stay in the garden. Avoid letting bulbs freeze after potting. Frost will injure them. Only *Lilies of the Valley* need to be frosted before they are brought to the window.

Chrysanthemums.—These may be grown in pots from spring-started plants, shifting till in six-inch pots, then plunging in coal-ashes in a shady place and keeping well watered. Remove to an unheated room as cold weather approaches. Water regularly. Disbud early, and let only the stronger buds develop, if you wish to grow large flowers. Use manure-water occasionally as the plants develop. If bedded in the garden in a partial shade in spring, and lifted carefully in autumn, they will develop their buds well, but in this way the finest flowers cannot be produced.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

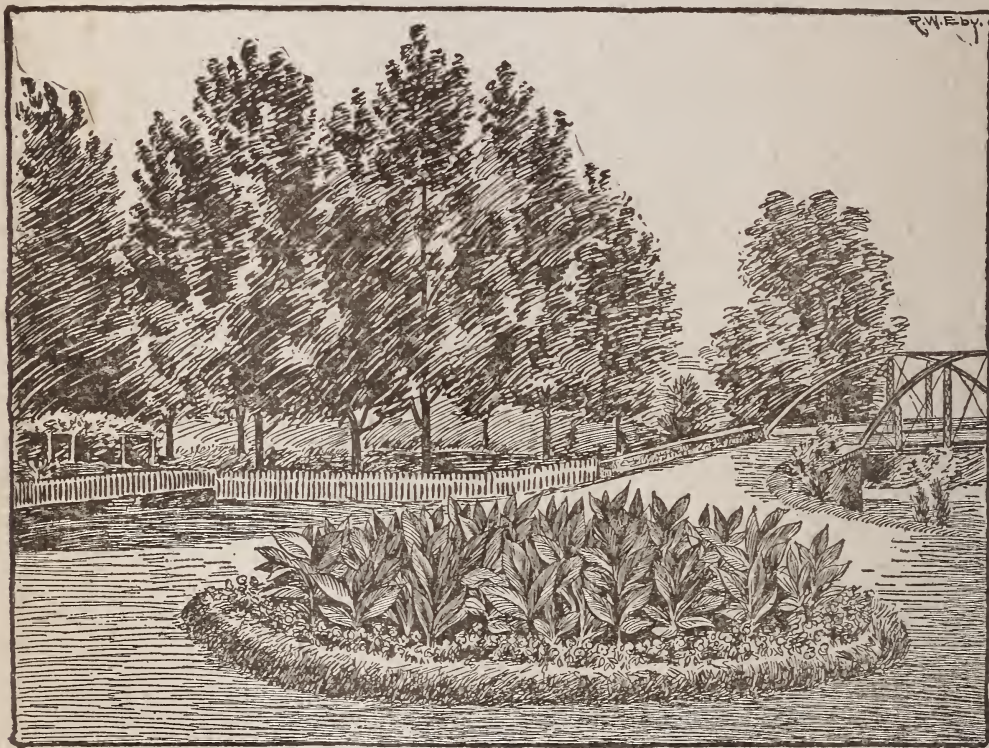


Y DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS:—

You may be interested in the view from my office window, and I have, therefore, had an engraving made of it from a photograph taken August 27, 1907. The large circular bed is of *Canna robusta*. The plants stand thickly, and are just beginning to show buds. The foliage is a rich, bronzy red, and very attractive. This is one of the most robust and showy of the easily-grown Cannas, and the plants are generally satisfactory. The bed is slightly elevated in the centre, and bordered

black soil, and are from fifty to sixty feet high.

The road from the bridge passes to the left but a short distance, perhaps five hundred feet, until it forks, one part diverging to the right, while the other takes a winding course to the left, thus encircling the plot occupied by the greenhouses and various beds of shrubbery and herbaceous perennials. The engraving I give here will afford you some idea of the appearance of the greenhouses and surrounding gardens viewed from the fork of the road. The ground floor of the large frame building is used as a label room and office; the upper floor affords storage for boxes, baskets, and articles needed in packing; the cellar is the boiler room. Attached to this building, with a long, sloping roof, is a large shed used for potting plants, packing, and pot storage. At the rear are large, wide greenhouses, con-



VIEW FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW, LA PARK, PA.

with *Petunias*, which are blooming. On the right, beyond the road, are two clumps of native *Golden Rod* in bud, back of which is the iron bridge which spans the *Pequea* river, with a group of *Willows* and *Buttonwood* trees in the rear. The road surrounding the *Canna* bed gives access to the mill and office, and the road crossing the bridge is the public highway past *La Park*, between *Paradise* and *Gordonville*, both villages half a mile distant, one to the left, the other to the right. The handsome trees back of the picket fence are *Carolina Poplar*, planted six years ago. They stand near the river, in a very rich, deep,

structed of *California red cedar*, covered with glass 16x18 inches in size, the benches of locust lumber—a material that does not readily decay. The *Kroeschell* steel hot water boiler is used for heating these. The long, narrow houses in front of the shed are used in summer. They are covered with muslin, and furnish ample protection for the thousands of small plants used for mailing. In the foreground, at the right, you have a glimpse of a large bed of perennial *Phlox*, while the plants nearer are *Day Lilies* and herbaceous *Spireas*. Between the boy and the first summer greenhouse is a fine clump of the late-blooming

hardy perennial Sunflowers, *Helianthus Maximilianus*. At the left, near the boy are several rows of different kinds of *Hemerocallis*, some just going out of bloom. Next to these are a dozen or more rows of the beautiful hardy *Iris florentina*, white, blue and purple, which are gorgeous with bloom late in the spring. The big, handsome trees which border the Paradise road are black Locusts, and beneath, in their shade, are fine, blooming plants of *Hydrangea paniculata*. In the distance are masses of shrubby *Spirea*, *Deutzia*, *Roses*, *Kerria*, *Weigela*, *Callicarpa* and many other things. The entrance to these grounds is just beyond the large trees. The greenhouses are connected with the office by means of a telephone, one of the poles of

which is shown in the engraving. Besides this connection, however, frequent visits are made to the greenhouses by the editor, who keeps in personal touch with the work transacted there, and knows the location of the various plants and the treatment they receive.

Your Friend,
La Park, Pa., Sept. 3, '07. The Editor.

***Begonia manicata aurea*.**—This *Begonia* is handsome in foliage, but rather delicate, unless given proper attention. It likes a soil composed largely of well-rotted turf or leaf-mould, mixed with sand, and well-drained. Chip-dirt, sand and a little fibrous loam will afford good results. Keep it in partial shade and water moderately.



VIEW OF THE GREENHOUSES AT LA PARK, PA.

Amaryllis.—When an *Amaryllis* bulb splits up into numerous small bulbs, keep them in the pot, sparingly watered till spring; then separate them and bed them out in a rich, sunny place. In autumn, pot and keep frost-proof. The bulbs will bloom as soon as large enough.

A Poison Remedy.—A remedy for poisoning by Poison Ivy (*Rhus*) is an application of a solution of common alum. It is simple, easily obtained and effectual. A strong solution of bicarbonate of soda is also very good.

***Clerodendron Balfourii*.**—This plant thrives in a warm, moist atmosphere in partial shade, and grows in sandy, fibrous loam. Its big bloom-clusters should appear in a few months after potting. It is a beautiful, easily-grown plant that may be trained as a vine or a standard, and is desirable either way.

Cutting Flowers.—To cut flowers freely will promote free and continuous blooming. To prune after the flowers fade will cause a more vigorous growth, and often a second crop of bloom.

CHILDREN'S LETTER.

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—The next morning after I was disturbed by the little owl referred to in my last letter, I arose early, and after breakfast I sauntered out through the orchard and over to my former "Libonia" home, which was but a little distance from the old homestead. There were the weed-covered foundations of the old building where the Magazine was for many years published, with the empty dwelling house near by. There yet remains the old greenhouse shed, with the tiers of benches reaching out from it, destitute of covering.



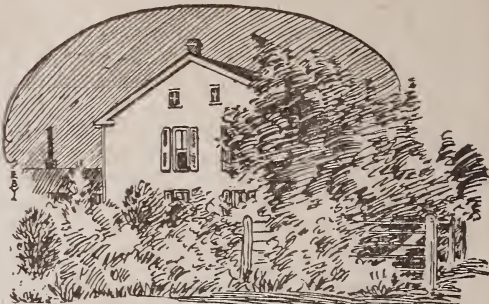
"There were the weed-covered foundations"

And what do you suppose was growing near the centre of the ruins—just a vigorous young Weeping Willow—its long, swaying branches sweeping the soil, as if weeping over the wreckage which Time had caused. There, too, was a golden-veined Honeysuckle, clinging to the dilapidated fence near by, reminding me of its beauty in earlier days, and giving a lesson of faithfulness under thankless conditions.

I looked upon the scene with tender feelings. There were the greenhouse walks once clean and neat, which I oft-times in former days, delighted to tread—now covered with rubbish and over-grown with weeds. Shrubbery around, which I had always trimmed and kept in fine shape showed long strag-

gling branches, the plants uncouth and unshapely. Some standard Roses here and there were doing their best to grow and bloom amid the encroaching grasses, and Prairie Roses and Trumpet vines were making a vain effort

to lift themselves upon the broken cross-bars and decaying posts of trellises which once they gayly and artistically adorned. The Bitter-sweet vine by the kitchen window, had mounted the guy-wires of the chimney pipe, and reaching the top formed dense wreathes



"Good-bye, dear old home of earlier years."

of living green where once the smoke curled upward early every morning. I listened, but where once the hum of machinery was heard night and day for six days and nights in the week, all was silent, silent—except the lonely call of some little bird, as if mourning the loss of its birdlings. Then, with saddened heart I turned away. Good-bye, dear old home of earlier years. You served me well during the vigor of early manhood. Fond memory brings to me the joys and happy experiences of former days. I love your halls, your walks and by-ways; your gardens and grounds. A busy life I spent with you, and I ever delighted in your shady maples, your

blooming arbors, your shrubbery and your flowers. Your blessed association with friends now scattered or called Beyond, has left an impress that shall linger happily with me throughout life. My Dear Old Home, I shall never return to fill your rooms with life and mirth and music, as of yore. I shall



"Where the Magazine was for many years published."

never again adorn your surroundings or trim and train your shrubbery and vines. Good-bye! Good-bye! I have left you, never to return.

From my old home I entered the lane and passed out over the homestead farm. I ad-

mired some handsome specimens of Oriental Mullein that had sprung up by the way-side, having escaped from the garden. Further on I came to the old apple tree that yielded such mellow, juicy, golden apples during my boy-



"as if weeping over the wreckage which Time had caused" hood days, but only a few sprouts from the decayed stump gave indications of life. From there I passed through the harvest field to the creek by the meadow bars. There the large-fruited Hickory still flourishes, and bears its ivory nuts, and near by stands the big, over-



"Shrubby—uncouth and unshapely."

hanging Oak by the water's edge, under which I pulled out my first eel with hook and line, while my father plowed in the meadow close by. It was about a foot long, but to me it seemed like a monster, and when prepared and placed upon the table by my mother the next morning, I thought I had never tasted anything so good. On the other side of the hickory stood the big leaning Willow, its drooping branches laving the deep, clear water, and shading the grassy bank. Here was the evening bathing ground in summer, and the skating ground in winter, and upon its big roots by the water's edge I spent many a Sabbath hour with my book.

Returning along the creek-lane I passed the row of sugar maples which my older brother and I set out forty years ago. The trees are now large enough to tap for sugaring but have never been utilized in that way. They are dense, handsome shade trees. Coming to the orchard I found many of the old apple trees gone, but the rows of pear trees which I planted in boyhood are still in good condition, and bear a crop almost every year.



"My first eel."

From the Orchard I went to the Spring, where in youth I had a water-wheel driving a forge and various kinds of light machinery. The forge was made after the style of the colonial machine, an arm upon the shaft of the water-wheel lifting the hammer, which would then drop by its own weight. This little forge could be heard for half a mile, and pounded away day and night. My play with water, wheels and machinery always afforded me great sport, and the experience gained has been beneficial to me ever since. A man is really but a "mature boy", and the play of childhood often becomes, in after life, the practical business, but in a modified form.



"I spent many a Sabbath hour with my book."



"Water-wheel driving a forge," at my publication house, on the beautiful Pequea river, and I enjoy working with them just as much as I did with the diminutive wheels, shafting and machinery at the old homestead spring. The play of youth has become the engagement of practical business.

Your Friend,
The Editor.

La Park, Pa., Sept. 2, 1907.

Epiphyllum truncatum.—This is the Christmas-blooming Cactus, with flat, jointed, claw-like leaves. It is often called Crab-Cactus, because of its claw-like growth. It is easy of culture. Give it a sunny place, sandy, well-drained soil, and plenty of water while growing. Avoid free-watering while dormant. If drainage becomes clogged while the plant is being freely watered it is liable to rot off at the roots.

Aster Beetle.—To eradicate this beetle sprinkle the plants and flowers with a material composed of one-half ounce of Hellebore and six quarts of water. Second and third applications may be necessary. The hellebore should be fresh and well kept, as it loses its strength when exposed to the air. It is a less dangerous poison than arsenic, strychnine or paris green.

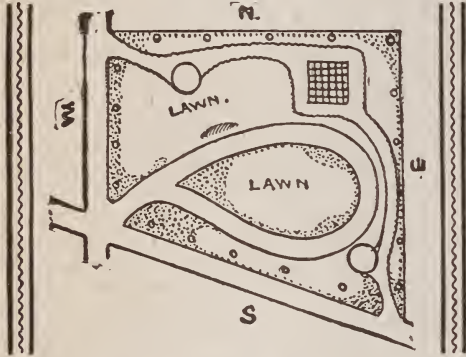
Root Aphis.—Asters and some other plants are occasionally troubled with root Aphis, which causes the leaves to turn yellow, and the plants eventually to dry up. The pest may be eradicated by watering with hot quassia-chips tea or tobacco tea. Apply the liquid as hot as the hand will bear, or rather hotter.

A LAWN PLOT.

SALVIA SCLAREA.

A SUBSCRIBER of Mercer county, Ohio, wishes suggestions about laying out her grounds. The house is near the north-east corner, and two large trees stand near the eastern boundary, while the south and west sides are bounded by highways, the entrance being at the corner where these cross. At the rear is the orchard and chicken yard. The improvement could be made by laying out the approach by a gentle curve from the entrance to the house, and continuing it in fan-shape, forming a complete circuit.

Surround the grounds with trees for shade and ornament, and at each side of the entrance and also in corners group a variety of shrubs



and evergreens, intermingled with some herbaceous perennials. Yuccas may be planted in a row in front of the house, beyond the driveway, and evergreens at the junction. Groups of Perennial Poppies, Delphiniums, Pæonies, Iris, etc., may occupy beds at turns along the margin. A path to the rear may be bordered with flowers, and a rustic vine-covered arbor may be placed at the west of the house, with shrub-bordered path leading to it, and on to the gate. A similar arrangement could adorn the south-east side. Have the flowers and shrubs in groups. Do not scatter them promiscuously. Space not occupied as a driveway or as paths or beds for shrubbery and flowers should be seeded to grass and kept as a lawn. Places for trellises, rustic seats, cozy corners, etc., will suggest themselves as the work of planning and preparing proceeds. These are simple suggestions, but may help the amateur to work out a tasteful plot that will be beautiful and pleasing.

About Begonias.—A subscriber at Raymilton, Pa., has been surprised to find that his plants of "Double Tuberous Begonias" bear both double and single flowers, and he asks for an explanation. If he will observe the flowers of his single-flowered plants he will find that they are of two kinds, pistillate and staminate. Now, in the double-flowered plants the staminate flowers will be double, because the stamens have turned to petals, while the pistillate will remain as they are upon the single-flowered plants. There are no Tuberous Begonias that bear all double flowers. They all vary in bloom as described.

SALVIA sclarea is a hardy giant Salvia which blooms during August. In rich soil it grows five feet high. It branches freely and a single plant will form a great pyramid of bloom. The basal leaves are nearly a foot long, and several inches broad, and the stems are large and strong. The plant is hoary with viscid glands, and somewhat ill-scented when disturbed; but it is showy when in bloom, and always admired. The flowers are white and violet, and rather hood-like, as indicated in the little sketch. They are freely borne in branching panicles. For the background this hardy, herbaceous Salvia is very desirable, and as it is easily grown from seeds, it ought to be more popular. It is a native of Southern Europe.



Spirea in Winter.—The herbaceous species of Spirea are useful for winter-forcing, and the sort known as "Gladstone" is the most beautiful and desirable. Get good clumps in autumn, pot in rich, porous potting soil, using six-inch pots. Plunge these in coal ashes in a cold frame or pit until they are wanted, then bring gradually to the light and heat. Avoid a sudden change of temperature, and keep where the mercury will not fall below 50° at night, or rise much above 60° in daytime. Forcing must be slow. When the bloom is past return to a retired, frost-proof place till spring, keeping moderately watered. In spring bed out or plunge in a garden bed. Give manure water occasionally while budding and growing. If left in the pots shift the next autumn into six-inch pots, and they will serve you another season.

Moles.—These may be kept out of the garden by sinking a wire screen of three-eighth inch mesh and a foot broad in the soil, entirely surrounding it. Let the screen protrude two inches above the surface. The moles in the garden can be caught by the use of a mole trap set along the rows. Avoid handling the trap unnecessarily, as by their sense of smell moles will detect and keep shy of the trap that has been handled.

Caladiums.—The Fancy Caladiums, if chilled during winter, or if kept very damp after potting, are liable to start tardily. Put the dry bulbs in sandy, porous soil in the spring, and keep barely moist until roots form, then the leaves will soon appear, after which water freely, and keep in a warm place, protected from wind and hot sun.

Transplanting Pæonies.—Pæonies can be safely transplanted as soon as the flowers fade, though it is better to wait until the foliage is ripe, which is in August or September. In setting the roots tread the soil firmly about them. When set late in the season cover the bed with a thick coat of stable litter.

HIERACIUM AURANTIACUM.

AMONG the weeds adventive from Europe none excite more interest, and few more admiration upon first appearance than *Hieracium aurantiacum*, shown in the little engraving. It is now found by the roadside and in old fields and fence-rows, its showy, orange-red flower cluster waving upon a tall, leafless stalk, inviting attention, and tempting the admirer to pluck and carry it home. Some even take up its stoloniferous root-stalk and transplant it to the garden. Many flower-loving people send specimens of this plant to the editor to learn its name, but a sister from Unionville, Connecticut, sends a very good description as follows:

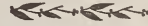
Mr. Editor:—A neighbor who dearly loves wild flowers found something the other day that we would like to have you name for us. Its long, narrow leaves, covered on both sides with long, white hairs, all grow from the root in a small, round bunch. The blossom stalk grows about six inches high, with a cluster of lovely double, orange-red flowers at the top, each flower about as large as a quarter-dollar. They are something like a *Calendula*, only flatter. The plant sends out runners just under the surface of the ground, from which new plants form. It grew on the sunny side of a gravelly knoll. We both took up some of the plants, and are in hopes to make them grow, for they were very pretty.—Mrs. C. H. P.

There is but little doubt that the plants will thrive and bloom when transplanted to the garden. It would be well, however, to cut the clusters before the seeds ripen, as the plants may become troublesomes if allowed to fully develop and scatter their seeds.

An Abnormal Growth.—On the grounds of the editor are two clumps of *Rudbeckia purpurea*, and in both of them this season may be seen an abnormal growth of bloom as shown in the sketch. In the first place the early terminal flowers developed until the showy ray petals drooped, and the orange color of the disk was exhibited. Then, as the brown of the ripening head appeared little green buds began to push out, and, in time, developed into neat showy, flowers. In one clump these abnormal flowers were green, but in the one represented in the engraving they were as fine a red color as the host flower. The head-cluster shown had forty-five of those secondary flowers, some of which were double, and was a veritable bouquet in itself. If such a character could be fixed it would add to the beauty and blooming period, as well as prove an interesting curiosity.



GARDEN CULTURE.



HARDY SHRUBBERY.

IF ONE has little time a border of hardy shrubs requires little care and will furnish flowers the entire season. I am glad more people are planting shrubs. It is a "fact" worth following. We all love Lilacs and Snowballs, because they were dear to us in childhood. But there are many other desirable kinds, keeping up a display throughout the summer, and by a careful selection we may have shrubs in bloom until Jack Frost nips our hardy Chrysanthemums. Just a few added each year will soon make a good collection. The Spireas are all fine. You will want them all before you are through, but begin with Van Houtte. Buy one, then as branches grow, layer and get enough for a large clump. Clematis and Roses for climbers. The Ramblers are fine. There are several in Boulder that are worth driving several blocks to see, and more than one has done so. The same can be said of *Clematis paniculata*.

Boulder Co., Col.

Mrs. C. E. M.

Antigonon leptopus.—Too much cannot be said in favor of *Antigonon leptopus* or Pink Vine, as it is familiarly called here. I have two plants I set out two years ago that cover a space of 10 x 20 feet, and it is a mass of delicate rosy-pink flowers on a pleasing and delightful green background. Mrs. F. E. Shallenberg.

Lake Co., Fla., Aug. 8, 1907.



Asclepias incarnata.—This interesting native species is popularly known as the "Swamp Milkweed", because it grows in wet places, along the banks of streams and ponds. It produces its showy, rose-purple flowers in great profusion during the months of July and August. It takes kindly to cultivation, and is a very desirable border plant, if given a deep, well-enriched soil, and an open, sunny situation. It is one of our native plants that deserves more attention than is at present bestowed upon it. Chas. E. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y.

Kerria Japonica.—I wonder if many of the Floral readers realize what a beautiful shrub *Kerria Japonica* or Corcorus Rose is? The foliage is neat and attractive, and the plant begins to bloom in early spring and continues until frost. It bears an abundance of double yellow Roses—such a lovely shade, too.

Mrs. Clara Chamberlain.

Wright Co., Minn., Aug. 12, 1907.

FLORAL POETRY.

THE SWALLOW.

[ED. NOTE.—The following pretty verses upon the barn swallows were accompanied by a note which reads:—"Dear Mr. Editor:—Your beautiful letter to the children in the June number of the Magazine gives me courage to send you a little poem I have written in behalf of the birds. If it helps to save them ever so little I shall be amply repaid. If the penmanship is a little shaky you may attribute it to the fact that this is the eighty-seventh year of the writer."—ED.]



One swallow don't make a summer, 'tis true,
But surely a dozen of swallows do.
There they sit in a solemn row,
(Their coats set a fashion long ago.)
On the telegraph wire, perhaps taking in
All the news of the noisy old world's din.

Now, one by one they dart away,
Each swallow intent on securing his prey
From the myriad ephemeral insects that dance,
Careless and gay, in the setting sun's glance,
(Waving meanwhile a friendly salute
To their cousins who build in the chimney's soot)

One, with a taunting sweep low flies
Close to the lair where old Tabby lies
With a baffled gleam in her hungry eyes.
"The swallows fly low," says farmer Grey,
"Boys, we must hurry in that hay."

And O! that new-mown clover hay,
Heaped in the old barn's spacious bay;
No couch of roses so sweet a bed,
With the swallows twittering overhead,
Droning a soothing lullaby,
Or teaching their callow brood to fly.

As of old, the Hebrew's altars made
A home, where the swallow her nestlings laid,
So the old-time farmer, ungrudging gave
A welcome kind, to the rover brave.
Through the door he made when the barn was
new,
Secure and joyful, what colonies flew.

What cosy nests to the rafters glued,
Where no prowling feline could e'er intrude!
But now, where the new barn's gables rise,
No welcoming entrance salutes their eyes;
Under its eaves, as best they can,
They must hold the fort without aid of man.

Banished their nests from the farm barn, now,
But the farmer rues their absence, I trow,
When manifold insects devour his corn,
And with myriad marauders his orchards swarm.
Thinner their ranks grow, year by year,
Soon from their haunts they will disappear;
Let us cherish the remnants that remain,
And entice them back to their homes again.

Late to come, and early to go,
Again they will sit in a silent row,
Planning the pilgrimage they must take,
Back from the shores of the northern lake,
Bidding farewell to the summer here,
To follow her footsteps all the year.
Ah, skimming swallow! the time, how brief,
From the opening bud, to the fading leaf.

Mrs. S. D. Osborn.

Ashtabula Co., Ohio, June 9, 1907.

THE FORCED BLOSSOM.

'Twas soft December—when floridian skies
Are flooded all with amber, and the sighs
Of summer linger through the bloom-laden trees
In music-haunted garden where the bees
And humming-birds the honey nectar quaff'd,
A rosebud lifted up her face and laugh'd
Among her sister blossoms, murmuring sweet,
Their voices borne upon the tell-tale breeze
To where a little child sat in the light,
Low caroling some pretty words of praise,
Set to airs wild as mockbirds' roundelays,
Till, with the flower-voices singing still,
Adown the glistening paths her skipping feet
Danced 'mongst the flowers' bow'd 'neath tears of
night,
Tears, changed to crowns of glorious jewels by day;
When spied she the rosebud on its blossoming spray,
Then cried she gaily—"Look! I will unclothe
Your petals, pretty one—and make a rose!"

And so the tiny fingers of the child
Pressed tender leaves back, till she, singing, smil'd,
To see, before the flitting of an hour,
A baby Rose blown to a blushing flower;
Yet looking on this creature of her will,
'Mid blossoms Heaven-open'd blooming there,
Now in regretful eyes it seemed less fair:
Was it a generous thing—that hand of art
Which opened to the winds the Rose's heart
Ere time of blooming?—for earth's child to do
The work of angels—was it well, think you?
Sister Carmelite.

St. Louis, Mo., April 29, 1907.

AUTUMN.

O well I love the summer,
Its songs at dusk and morn,
The music of its babbling brooks.
The rustle of its corn:
But when the days grow shorter,
And crickets blithely call
To me the royal autumn
Is the fairest time of all.

O well I love the summer,
Its Roses red and white,
Its dewy vesper visions
The glory of its night;
But when the apples redden
Above the orchard wall,
No one can doubt that autumn
Is the fairest time of all.

O well I love the summer,
Its blossoms of its bees,
The beauty of its woodlands,
The glory of its seas;
But when the Sumac blazes,
And leaves begin to fall,
I know that golden autumn
Is the fairest time of all.

Tioga Co., N. Y.

Lalia Mitchell.

GOOD-BYE TO THE BIRDS.

Good-bye to the birds, they are going
Afar to the Southland I know,
While here the fierce north winds are blowing,
And over the vales drifts the snow;
They will sing their glad carols 'mid flowers
That bloom in the bright Southern dawn,
While drear are our gardens and bowers,
Forsaken our forest and lawn.

Good-bye to the birds, may they gladden
Some hearts that are weary and lone,
Though their going our spirits must sadden,
Our lips at this parting must moan;
Our joy will be great when returning,
They come with the zephyrs of spring,
For the home-nest our birds will be yearning,
As back from the Southland they wing.
Tioga Co., N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

ANEMONE AND DAHLIA.

WE AMATEUR FLORISTS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—

HERE is a sketch of my Anemone Japonica. It is four feet and five inches high. I counted as many as twenty-five blooms at one time, and there were about fifty buds. It has been blooming for several weeks. I think it is very beautiful, being pure white with golden centre. I also have Anemone Japonica rubra, but it cannot be compared with Alba. The petals are very much smaller, and the plant is more dwarf, and altogether inferior.

High above the Anemone towers a large, decorative Dahlia. It is about six feet high, the flowers dark red, almost black. That also has been in bloom for weeks. The flowers have lasted so long, notwithstanding the intensely hot weather. The sun has scorched almost everything, yet my Dahlias have never once wilted. I kept them well watered every day.

I also have a white seedling Cactus Dahlia.

It is star-shaped. Sometimes the seedlings are semi-double, but most of them are single.

Los Angeles Co., Cal. Mrs. E. Koch.

Plants for Shade.—For a shady place try hardy Delphiniums, Canterbury Bells, White Funkia, or "Day Lily," the kind with heart-shaped leaves. You will be pleased with the result. I also find many of the hardy Irises will bear a good deal of shade and still bloom freely. Of wildlings, Trillium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, and wild Geranium, or "Crane's Bill", have been growing under an apple tree in my yard for several years, and they never fail to bloom.

Knox Co., Me.

PLANT OF ANEMONE JAPONICA ALBA.



WHAT flower enthusiast does not long for a conservatory or greenhouse in which to grow her pets, where all the elements can be regulated to best promote their perfect development? Comparatively few persons, however, have anything of the kind, while how very many of us do

not or cannot have such ideal surroundings to give our floral beauties.

Those living in the country with so much glorious light and sunshine, and harmless stoves and lamps, have the "next best" conditions. But we who live in city homes with houses to right of them, houses to left of them, houses in front of them, to shadow and shade, often no light-giving bay-window, with hot air furnaces to burn out the vitality in the air, and illuminating gas to harm, surely we must continue studying to give intelligent care, in order to somewhat counterbalance the effect of these conditions which are

so injurious to plant-life. Yet since we have nothing better to offer them, most plants will adapt themselves to even such uncongenial environments and do their best if only we do ours.

Dutchess Co., N. Y.

C. L. Whipple.

Asters.—What are so beautiful for fall bloomers as Double Asters of the Japanese variety. Mine are as large and fine as Chrysanthemums. The white and shades of pink and lavender are particularly beautiful.

Mrs. Clara Chamberlain.

Wright Co., Minn., Aug. 12, 1907.

WINDOW CULTURE.

BEGONIA RUBRA.

BEGONIA RUBRA is one of the most widely known of the species, and were it more expensive and harder to grow would be more sought after. It is of such a vigorous growth that a healthy plant will, in time, throw up a number of strong shoots that branch freely, and are well filled with heavy, dark green leaves. It produces immense, pendulous panicles of large, wax-like flowers, among which one can find three distinct forms growing side by side. With the least possible care this plant can be grown into an object of surpassing beauty, if the shoots and branches are not pinched back, but allowed to assume their natural manner of growth. It is one of the best and most desirable of plants for the window garden.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y., Sept. 3, 1907.



Water Hyacinth.—This aquatic plant is worthy of a place in every amateur's collection. It grows well and its lovely lavender flowers are freely borne. I have some growing in a granite kettle, and have had about twenty stalks of flowers in the past two weeks, each stalk bearing from six to ten very large glistening blossoms, which make a handsome display.

Mrs. F. E. Shallenberg.

Lake Co., Fla., Aug. 8, 1907.

Abutilon.—I want to say to those who wish a plant that will bloom constantly and requires no petting, is not troubled with insects, and can be pinched out and trained in almost any desired way, that the yellow Abutilon will be sure to delight their souls. I do not know the particular variety, for I got mine from a packet of mixed seeds. I have several kinds, but the yellow one is the most constant bloomer of them all.

Knox Co., Me.

Adella F. Veazie.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

We gathered bright leaves in the woodland,
Ere the snows of cold winter should fly;
Leaves in their elegant shadings,
Gorgeous as the sunset sky.

She had fashioned a chaplet of brightness,
And placed on her sunshiny hair;
Her arms, with the beauties were laden,
A wood-nymph, she looked standing there.

But now in the bleak, cold November,
I gather the bright leaves alone,
For we laid her to sleep in the woodland,
Ere the snows of cold winter had flown.

Sadly the bright leaves I gather,
And moss, where the clear waters lave;
Sadly I weave them in garlands,
To lay on her tear-sodden grave.

Softly the leaves drop around her,
Like blessings that come from above;
Like tender and pitying kisses,
They fall on the grave of my love.

Mrs. Clara Calhoun.

Twin Fall Co., Idaho, May 15, 1907.

Ophiopogon.—I have had this plant for years, and have always admired it. It is by no means common, as I found out long ago; for a friend and I used to take turns killing our plant to supply the demand of plant-loving, but not always plant-buying friends who never could find it on sale. The only mention of it I have seen in the Magazine was a short one sent by one of the contributors. It is a hardy, variegated, grass-like plant from Japan. It makes a handsome bracket plant, because of its delicate blossoms and gracefully arching leaves. The blossoms are heliotrope in color, and borne in clusters at the end of a tall, seed-like stalk.



Sam Weller.

Greater New York, Sept. 2, 1907.

Seedling Smilax.—From a packet of Smilax seeds procured last spring I raised a great many plants, some of which I sold and some I gave away, and still have a windowful, some of the vines in which are more than a yard long. It is easily raised from seeds, requiring no more care than ordinary garden seeds. I also have several beautiful Asparagus plants of various kinds, all from a 3-cent packet of mixed Asparagus seeds. One is Asparagus Sprengerii, and another I feel sure is plumosus nanus. Its fronds are flat and feathery. My neighbor also had good luck, and in addition to those I have, she has one with feathery fronds, but they are round instead of flat.

Adella F. Veazie.

Stag-horn Fern.—I am very proud of my specimen plant of Stag-horn Fern. It is a beautiful plant, each frond being flattened and divided into many wide prongs, which resemble a stag-horn. It is very thrifty and will prove a success with any amateur who loves Ferns.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

Ima.

CARE OF BULBS.

AS IT will soon be time to start bulbs for winter-blooming, I wish to tell the Floral friends, who have not tried bulbs before, how easily they are started in pots or boxes, grape baskets, etc. I place the bulbs in the pots and dig a hole as deep as the pots, on the north side of the house, covering the pots five inches with soil. Leave until the surface of the soil freezes at night, then bring into the house, but don't keep them where they will be too warm at first. They are but little trouble, and delight the beholder many weeks.



Hyacinth.

Then, if you have some planted in the door-yard, in ribbon or round beds, you may have bulbs blooming from Christmas until May, by planting at different times during autumn. So many people don't realize how easy it is to have beautiful flowers, that we should all turn teachers, and try to show them, by talking to our personal friends or chance acquaintances.

H. E. Iliff.

Douglas Co., Kan., Aug. 20, 1907.

Oxalis Ortgiesi.—This is popularly known as the "Golden Star Oxalis" and is a truly interesting plant for the window garden. It is a perpetual bloomer in every sense of the word. The plant is shrubby, attaining a height of from 10 to 20 inches, branching freely and having three livid, dark olive-green leaves, of a metallic crimson purple underneath. The wine-colored stems are well filled with clusters of bright golden star-shaped flowers, which, unlike other Oxalis do not close at night. It should be grown in a well drained pot, one proportionate to the size of the plant, and given ordinary potting soil. In the window garden it should be given as light and sunny a situation as possible.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y., Jan. 1, 1907.

Easter Lily.—Last Easter I had two beautiful Easter Lilies. After they were through blooming I planted them in a garden bed. Today, September 11, there are on one stalk, four beautiful blossoms and two large buds; on another stalk three lovely buds. On the other Lily are two blossoms and two buds. I wonder if any of the Floral Sisters ever tried planting their old Easter Lily bulbs in the ground in summer? Mrs. E. M. Pierpont.

New Haven Co., Conn., Sept. 11, 1907.

Dividing Chinese Primroses.—As the Chinese Primrose seeds sowed this spring failed to show up, and wanting a windowful of Primroses next winter, in August, while the old Primroses were resting, I divided them. Several could be divided into four or five plants each. I set them into a pan of rich earth, and almost all are growing. Where there is a will there is a way. Ima.

Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Sept. 11, 1907.

LOVE'S SYMPATHY.

I once saw a plant that was dying;
The flower was drooping its head,
And the leaves seemed listless and drying;
The plant did not thrive in its bed.

Day after day it was drooping,
The dew-drops and sunshine were vain,
Till one day a friend, softly stooping,
Placed it by a warm window pane.

With a smile it looked up full of blessing
And its petals came out clean and bright;
Thus will hearts bowed with sorrow distressing,
Revive in the blessed sunlight

Of kindness and love and devotion
Scattered freely along life's pathway;
And the thanks of the fond heart's emotion
Will be cherished in memory each day.
Jackson Co., Mo. Cora Ellis Steele.

PALMS.

PALMS are easy to care for, but there are a few bits of experience which may help the beginner: In repotting use no fertilizer, but if possible use leaf-mould and sand. If the mould cannot be obtained, get the soil from under sod, so that it is sure to be new earth. If the Palm does not do well, see that the drainage is perfect, and that sufficient water is given to moisten the soil well all through. If, after this, it does not do well, give the soil a dressing of sheep manure. Crush the lumps and sprinkle a coating all over the surface of the soil, or it may be made into liquid manure and applied occasionally. This seldom fails to bring the Palm into healthy condition, and the foliage quickly shows the effect of the fertilizer, becoming very deep green, and new leaves coming out frequently.



The leaves need frequent washing, and if a solution of milk and water, in equal parts, is used, the leaves will have a beautiful glossy appearance, which can be obtained in no other way. It can be used as often as one wishes, as no harm can come from it.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill.

Frosted Plants.—I left my pot-plants all out of doors one night, and it turned very cold, and to my dismay they were all frozen stiff in the morning. The dirt in the pots was so hard I could not make an impression on it with the hand. Some of the family said they were all killed and there was no use trying to save them; but I got cold water and sprinkled them, and thoroughly wet the soil, then covered them carefully with a heavy blanket and left them stand until after breakfast. I then brought them into the house, and placed them in the darkest corner of the room, as far from fire as possible, removed the blanket, and to my joy not one plant was injured in the least, except one very tall Geranium, which the blanket touched. Even that one came up from the roots. Mrs. Lizzie Eastman.

Fayette Co., W. Va.

FLORAL MISCELLANY.

ABOUT HARDY PLANTS.

WHY won't people use a little common sense? Just because a New York or Pennsylvania seedsman catalogues a plant as hardy, some people seem to think Alaska a good place in which to raise the plant. Then, when they make a failure, they blame the seedsman, and feel injured, saying that seedsmen will tell any kind of a story for the sake of selling their seeds. On the other hand, I have found seedsmen, with but one or two exceptions, extremely careful in their descriptions, and particularly careful to state the latitude at which the raising of each plant becomes a risk.

Soil, situation, and even the slope of the land has much to do with the question of whether a so-called "hardy" plant will winter safely. Right here in my own city I have a friend who has beautiful Hollyhocks every year. They seed themselves, too, and are almost no care except weeding. I love the bright, stately things, but with the exception of one year, when we had a very mild winter, I have never been able to winter them out of doors. My friend's land is loose, sandy loam; her plants are on the south-east side of the house, sheltered from the cold blasts of winter, and with a gentle slope. My own sheltered place is flat, and though nice, friable earth has been carted in as surface soil, there is a hard, cold clay sub soil, which seems to chill the long roots of my Hollyhocks, and they all die. Digitalis does just the same, while my friend has dozens of long, full spikes of the spotted blossoms. Now, if people would only reason a little, and study their soil, there would not be so much grumbling about dishonest seedsmen.

Knox Co., Me.

Adella F. Veasie.

Ponderosa Lemon.—I wish all could see my six-year old Ponderosa Lemon. It had seven lemons on it last year—all of them but one weighed two pounds, and measured 15 and more inches in circumference. The small one was about as large as a large orange. The plant now is in full bloom. Had I taken all the lemons off but one or two, I believe they would have each weighed three or four pounds. I have a little plant I grew from a seed of a lemon planted a year since. It is about two feet high, and looks as if it would bloom soon.

E. L. Robert

Rapides Co., La.

SUCCESION OF FLOWERS.

I HAVE found a good way to have a succession of bloom all summer; it is to sow only a few seeds of each kind once every two weeks, until the first of July. This is a good way to test seeds, also, as there are times when one sowing will grow and another will not, even though both are taken from the same package. It all depends on how the seeds are sown, the soil, and conditions of the weather. The best and most experienced of us all have our failures once in a while. When ordering seeds in the spring I think the best way is to get extra packages of each kind, so that we have a plenty of seeds to start early, and in case of a failure we have more to try again.

Now is the time to get our perennial plants, in order to have them well started and healthy before the coming winter, and also to give us bloom next year. It is not too late to sow



FIG-LEAVED HOLLYHOCKS.

seeds of perennials, also. The best flowering plants that I have in my garden this summer were raised from seeds sown in August of last year.

There is a beautiful hedge of Hollyhocks in full bloom at the back of the flower garden, dividing the flowers from the vegetables, and also screening the vegetables from the street. They are edged with a row of Sweet Williams, which was barely through blooming when the Hollyhocks started to bloom. And such a sight! Everyone passing stops to admire them.

My other flowers that I sowed last year are Eschscholtzia, Larkspur, Centaurea, Campanulas and Asters. These are not all perennials, but they come up from sowing in the fall here (Southern Wisconsin), that is the following spring. These have proved more satisfactory than most of my annuals sown in the spring, because the weather has been cold and rainy here, making the spring quite late. In fact, most of my first two sowings this spring failed me entirely. Late frosts, wet weather, etc., were the cause.

Mrs. F. A. Force.

Rock Co., Wis., Sept. 3, 1907.

SOME THINGS I KNOW ABOUT ROSES.

IS THERE a soul so depraved that it does not love and admire Roses? I love to think they will bloom to perfection in that better world without blight or trouble of any kind. Does anyone ever get as many as they would like to have? I never do. I look over the long list, and wish for them with all my heart, especially the Teas. Why the very name casts a magic spell. Our winters are so variable, however, that I make out my list of "must haves" from Hybrid Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals. One winter I protected my Tea Roses with hay and boards, like you do farther north. There came a warm spell right in the middle of January, and my Roses put out new leaves, and so were killed outright by later freezes.

It is well in this latitude, in the fall, to pull the soil up around the Tea Roses. If the tops are all killed, draw the soil back from them in the spring and they will mostly sprout from the part that was covered. My Hybrid Teas sometimes get killed to the ground, but I have never lost one entirely that way. I send a picture of one of my Hybrid Tea Roses. It is a paler pink than the La France, but shaped something like it. A week later it was white with bloom.



Several years ago I had two Mary Washingtons, one on the east and one on the west of the house. That with eastern exposure was killed in a very cold spell, and the other was not hurt. I think it was because the sun did not shine on the west one while frozen.

I had a Gloire de Dijon, and also Wm. Allen Richardson, and I petted them through two winters. The Gloire de Dijon bloomed for me the second year, and, oh, my heart was glad; for I do love the coppery loveliness of it. But both of those Copper Roses died. Upon closer examination I found the ants had made a nest too close to each of them.

I have had a dozen Marshal Niels, but fate has always been against me, and something happened to destroy them. But I saw a lovely one a few days ago, while I was on a visit. It was thirty feet long, and in full bloom. How I did wish for a camera. It was on the west side of a house, sheltered from the north winds by another angle of the house, and the eaves came out over it and protected it a good deal from the cold drips from the roof. I broke the tenth commandment at once. I think I must have a two-year-old one next spring, and try once more.

Of the small, bushy Roses of the Hybrid Tea class, I think Pink Maman Cochet (the

white one is not so hardy) White and pink La France, Virginia R. Coxe, Bessie Brown, Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, Killarney, Souv. de Pres. Carnot, Mme. Abel Chatenay and Liberty are favorites of mine, and have stood several winters now. For hardiness and bloom the old Rose, Hermosa, cannot be surpassed.

I like the Hybrid Perpetuals so much! They are such staunch friends. If it is dry they whine not, nor shrivel, and if it rains they rejoice, and the flowers are so big! Dinsmore bloomed itself nearly away. I picked Roses from Margaret Dickson last June, July, August and September.

We had a bit of weather this spring that tested the hardiness of Roses. January and February were mild, and March as warm as June is generally, the thermometer registering 89° in the shade. April came with a sleet and freeze, and woe to the Roses! Some that stood the hardest winters were killed to the ground, but most of mine have sprouted again from the root and will bloom again. M. M. Tate.

McDowell Co., N. C., Sept. 9, 1907.

PUTS THE "GINGER" IN The Kind of Food Used by Athletes.

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PATRIOTIC GARDENS.

WHY NOT interest the children with patriotic gardens. Every boy loves to whoop with enthusiasm when he sees the red, white and blue of Old Glory; and every girl's heart thrills when she hears such a whoop. Just think what fun it would be to grow the rich colors, right in one's own yard. For instance, the annual Larkspurs have the blue and the white of the flag colors, and the Larkspur Cardinal has the red. In the Iris family we have in early spring the blue and the white again, and need only the red, which red Tulips will supply, or in the south, the red Amaryllis blooming at the same time. Such a bed is permanent, and the blue should be in the back ground, then the white and the Tulips in front. As the Iris is often called Flag, it is quite appropriate to the design. The Bachelor's Button is a deep blue annual; with white Petunias and scarlet Salvia, one has another combination. Scarlet and white Carnations, with blue corn flower, carry out the flag colors. Scarlet and white Geraniums, with a border of wild blue violets will flaunt the flag colors. It is really quite interesting to see just how many combinations one can make of the three flag colors, white, scarlet and deep blue.

Georgiana S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., May 13, 1907.

[NOTE.—The writer doubtless refers to the white and blue varieties of Iris pumila, as they are the only Iris generally cultivated that would bloom with the spring Tulips. The Lustrous Carmine Larkspur would answer well for red in connection with the white and blue varieties. The Cardinal Larkspur is rarely successful in propagation. The Bachelor's Button appears in red, white and blue, but the red is not so brilliant as the other colors. Petunias come in red, white and blue, the blue being of a purplish shade. So also do Canterbury Bells, Phloxes, Sweet Peas, and Pansies.—ED.]

Native Orchids.—I am very fond of Orchids, and will speak of some hardy ones I have in my garden this year. *Cypripedium acaule* is one of the most common, as well as the most beautiful of our Orchids. The plants are mostly found in sandy woods earth on the north side of a shady hill. They do well when removed and given a sandy, well-drained place in the garden, if protection is given them in winter. I have also the yellow *Cypripedium*, *C. pubescens*. It is of easy culture, and harder than *C. acaule*. *Calopogon pulchellus*, *Habenaria ciliaris*, *H. grandiflora*, and *H. Psycodes* all do well for me. *Aplectrum hyemale* (Adam and Eve), did not grow. *Spiranthes* (Ladies' tresses) and *Goodyera* (Rattlesnake Plantain), are easily grown and cared for. But *Habenaria grandiflora* is my favorite. I got my plants of this in bloom along a forest brook, while fishing for trout. With proper treatment most of our native Orchids can be grown, and they well deserve a share of our attention. Wm. C. Thomas.

Juniata Co., Pa.

[NOTE.—*Cypripedium acaule* is often found beneath a thicket of pines, where they are protected from wind in winter and from sun in summer, and where a mulch of fallen pine needles shields them from severe frost. They must have sandy leaf-mould and thorough drainage, as well as protection, to endure the winter.—Ed.]

IN THE BY-WAYS OF THE FOREST.

I am happy! happy! happy!
As I wander here alone,
In the by-ways of the forest,
Seeking Nature on her throne.
Here she laughs from out the fountains,
Here she dances by the streams,
Where the willows waltz and courtsey
And the sun flings down his beams,
Kissing Violet and Lily
Till they waken from their dreams.

I am happy! happy! happy!
As I rest me in the shade,
With the mosses for my pillow,
While the wild-birds undismayed,
Sing their sweetest songs above me,
As they flit from tree to tree;
And the squirrels frisk and scamper
Till the tree-toad croaks in glee.
Nature's children all rejoicing
Come to keep a tryst with me.

Tioga Co., N. Y.

Ruth Raymond.

KNOWS HOW

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When a doctor, who has been the victim of the coffee habit, cures himself by leaving off coffee and taking Postum Food Coffee, he knows something about what he is advising in that line.

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"Another friend was troubled in much the same manner as I, and she has recovered from her heart and stomach trouble by leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee.

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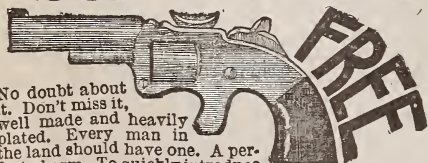
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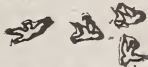
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IN FAVOR OF CATS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am, and always have been, a lover of a nice cat. God created cats for good, and they are of much service. He also created the little birds for food for the cat, just as much as He created the chicken for food for man. God gave the natural appetite for one as much as the other. I am sure my appetite has never been sufficed by the sweet songs of birds—the pestering little things—how they destroy my garden. I wish the cat might catch the last one to look into my garden.

Williamsport, Pa.

Mrs. Layman.



"Keeping the birds out of the garden."

[NOTE.—If I read my Bible aright neither man nor cat were allowed originally to eat flesh. Read verses 29 and 30 of the first chapter of Genesis. It was not until after sin entered the world that such authority was given, and if we consider the deleterious effect that meat often has upon the human system, it would seem doubtful whether the authority was not given to depraved man as a curse rather than a blessing. But right here let me suggest a method of keeping the birds out of the garden more effectually than with a roaming cat. Stretch a wire across the garden, with a ring upon it, and to the ring fasten the cord which is attached to the collar of the cat, as shown in the engraving. As a rule, only sparrows are injurious to gardens, and there is no danger of the cat doing more than to frighten them away. The English sparrow is too smart to be caught by a cat.—Ed.]

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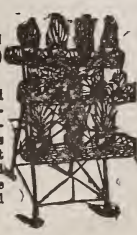
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GOSSIP.

That Black Calla.—I think the lady who at last succeeded in getting a Black Calla to bloom—spoken of in the September number of Magazine, actually possessed that hideous thing—the Amorphophallus, or Sanromatum (Snake Palm). The description is exact, and does not at all fit the Arum Sanctum or Black Calla. Some florists are falsely sending out this plant as a wonderful "Red Calla." To my mind the plant looks and smells like nothing so much as a spotted adder some time defunct, which has been cut open, disclosing the undigested tail of a rat, (the black spadix spoken of).

Sam Weller.
Greater New York, Sept. 1, 1907.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I read the Magazine every month, but like the Children's Corner the best. We have about 65 head of ewes and about 52 head of young lambs. Have two horses, three cows and a large number of chickens. I am in favor of the birds. We have plenty of birds here. We have a Martin-box that will hold 40 Martins, and it is pretty well filled with them. I made a bird box and put it up, and two Blue-birds built in it. We have cats but I have never caught them catching birds. —Minter Beall, Davistown, Pa., July 4, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—We live on the edge of town, between a coal mine and a smelter where they make zinc lead. I saw a very large Mocking Bird the other day, slate color, with the tips of the wings white. He sat in the Wild Crab Apple thicket and sang.—Marissa Siddeth, Sandoval, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Park:—We live on a farm near the Willamette River, and raise potatoes. Papa raised two thousand bushels last year. We have two cats, named Tom and Ted. They catch rats and mice, but never catch birds. There is a little Pine Squirrel lives near our house. He is so tame that he comes upon the porch and eats apples.—Freda Maltman, Lane Co., Ore.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on a farm and have some calves and a pony for pets. I take great pleasure in tending the pony. Our cherry trees are loaded with cherries.—Mabel King, Silvester, Oregon, May 18, 1907.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of seven. I am in the second grade at school; I like to go to school very much; school will start the third day of September. I have two little brothers and one sister. I am the oldest. We have one big dog,



and six little dogs. They will be one week old Friday. My Papa has taken your Floral Magazine ever since I can remember. I like to read the Children's Corner. I like all kinds of flowers. Your little friend,
 Beatrice Lungwitz.
 Atchison Co., Kan., Aug. 1, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little East Mississippi girl, and will write a letter for the children's column. The Rose is our favorite flower. The plants bloom here in April and May, though we have lots of June Roses, too. Our summers are long, but not too hot. We can enjoy flowers a long time. This is a pleasant State to live in. We could not get along with our flowers without your little Magazine. I am going to get you up a nice little club ere long. Your little friend,
 Emma Davis.

Kemper Co., Miss., July 2, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eleven years old and am in the seventh grade at school. My mamma has taken your Magazine for more than 15 years, and has taken the prize for seven years at the Fair for cut flowers. I like to read the Children's Letter very well, and would like to go with you to that picnic you were speaking of. I think we could have a jolly time.

Oh, Mr. Park, I must tell you about the way my sister and I put up little boxes for the little Wrens to build in. We set them on posts, and then nailed them down, and the birds bring straw and sticks to make their nests. I like to watch them and hear them sing. We had two cats, but they caught a bird once, and we got rid of them, and have never had a cat since then.

Margaret Batterbee.

Charlevoix Co., Mich., Aug. 8, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I enjoy reading your letters to us children. Grandma likes to read them as much as I do. Did you ever fix a Christmas tree for the birds? Brother and I did; we put ears of corn on a Catalpa tree. We saw some Doves eating it. Next time we will shell it, then maybe they will eat it better. I have five dolls, two dogs and ten cats. We saw a red bird on one of our peach trees. It looked so pretty on the bare tree.—Ina Helen Brown, Woods Co., Okla.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am ten years old and live



on a farm. My mamma has lots of flowers, and has taken your Magazine about ten years; so has Grandma. I live on a farm about a quarter of a mile from the school house. I have two old hens and ten little chickens of my own.

Blanche M. Eastwood.

Madison Co., N. Y., July 14, 1907.

I'D DIV' HIM ALL MY F'OWERS.

I showed a pretty picture to my little baby Grace, It was Jesus and the children; a smile was on His face; They were standing all around Him, and a babe was on His knee; Said the Saviour to the people, "Let the children come to me."

They had roamed the fields and meadows in the early days of spring, And gathered fragrant blossoms; what an offering to their King! Baby clapped her hands in gladness—"Oh, I'd like to kiss His face, And I'd div' Him all my f'owers," said my little baby Grace.

Mrs. Ida Pierson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Birds and Cats.—Dear Mr. Park:—The Floral Magazine is read with a good deal of interest, and the very things I wished to know I find this month about Cyclamen and Cinerarias from seeds.

If bird-lovers will put a piece of suet on a tree near the house, up high enough to escape dogs and cats, they will be pleased to see the different birds feeding. The Robins have been taking regular meals off of suet I hung up, and I think it has saved a good many from freezing. This has been a hard spring on birds—they came north so early; but if they are fed they can stand the cold. The downy Nut-hatch has had very regular rations here all winter. They say he is the best friend of the fruit trees. Sparrows do not eat fat.

Prof. Kelley, of Lansing, gave a bird talk here. He said he had picked up 500 dead birds this spring. He also said don't turn the cat out at night, but shut him up. Early morning is when cats do the most damage. I had one cat that stole the birds out of the trees in the night. He would often bring them up on the porch and leave them. He did not always eat them. Sometimes we would hear him playing with them on the lawn in the night. Certainly night would not be hideous if cat fanciers would shut them up at night. What is more startling than a cat-fight in the middle of the night!

Mrs. H. L. Mosher.

Cass Co., Mich., May 9, 1907.

Birds.—Dear Mr. Park:—It is to be regretted that boys with their deadly sling-shots, stones and shot-guns, kill or disable many of our pretty songsters. Each year the birds are getting more scarce and shy. A boy will, in wanton mischief, destroy more birds than a cat, and rob the nests of eggs, also. Let those who have cats treat them kindly, and humanely dispose of the surplus kittens, and then, if the boys are restrained it will do much to keep our dear little birds.

An Old Subscriber.

Somerville, Mass., May 5, 1907.

[NOTE:—In most States there are laws against the killing of insectivorous birds. Let these laws be enforced. Law is a good educator, and if the parents of boys had to pay fines once or twice for their boys' misconduct there would be very few complaints about bird-killing by boys.

A farmer will quickly get rid of a chicken-killing cat, and a bird-cat should be treated in the same way. If the owner of a cat was held responsible for bird-killing, as the owner of a dog is held responsible for sheep-killing, we would have few bird-killing cats to complain of.

About the meanest way to dispose of worthless cats is to bag them and let them loose several miles from home to pester other people, and to learn the habit of killing birds, if it has not already been acquired. It would be far better to put a good-sized stone into the bag with the cats and drop the whole into the millpond. It would be a blessing to the cats, and more than a blessing to the people who would have been unfortunate enough to live near where the cats were to be set free.—Ed.]

Dear Mr. Park:—I was much pleased with your editorial on cats. Here in Maine we have stringent laws on shooting song birds, but one cat will destroy more song birds than one hunter would if free to shoot.

S. L. Fuller.

Kennebunk, Me., July 2, 1907.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Folks:—My Boston Fern is in a large pail in the centre of my conservatory, near the top of the two central windows. Many of the fronds reach to the floor; some actually measure eight feet in length. I counted 125 fronds at one time. About half-way up I have another pail of the same variety, the fronds of which droop over with those from above. This Fern does not bear seed spores, which adds greatly to its beauty. My Maiden-hair Fern is in a 10-inch pot, and almost entirely covers it. It is the finest specimen I have ever seen. My Pierson Fern has fronds two and a half feet long. I have also a beautiful Otaheite Orange. It has seven ripe Oranges and about a dozen green ones, as also several blossoms. My Asparagus Sprengeri is on the corner of an old mahogany dresser which stands quite high. It covers one end and half of the front, entirely concealing the large pail in which it grows, and reaching to the rug on the floor. I have 12 windows full of plants, besides many Palms which are fine.

I must mention my Swainsonias. They cover one window and part of another, and have a number of clusters of the Sweet-Pea-like blossoms all the time. People all say to me "What do you do to make your plants grow so well?" I can only say "I love them and give them regular care."

Mrs. R. S. T.

Sullivan Co., Pa.

OLD FOLKS' CORNER.

Mr. Park:—Last year I sent with a neighbor for seeds, among which was a 3-cent packet of Phlox, and from half the packet I had a fine bed. I saved seeds of them, and sowed in the spring, and now I have a beautiful bed of Phlox—the admiration of all who see them. I am over 74 years old, and not able to tend many flowers, but I love them dearly. I have bought your seeds and read your Magazine for more than 20 years. I save all my Magazines and at the end of the year bind them for reference. If I get more than one copy I give the extras to some flower-loving friend. I have an Orange tree 18 inches high that is 18 months old. I suppose it will have to be grafted or budded before it will bear. I will close with best wishes to you and your Magazine.

Mrs. B. Weibel.

Wheatland, Knox Co., Ind., Aug. 16, 1907.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have taken your Magazine a long time, and I can hardly wait till it comes. This is my first letter. For pets I have a cat and a Fox-terrier dog named Fritz. My favorite flowers are Roses, Carnations and Sweet Peas.—Maudie Velman, Everst, Kan.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma takes your Magazine and we all like it very much. We all love flowers. Mamma says she could not live without them. We have a Begonia that is five feet tall, and blooms the year 'round. My twin sister and I are going to have a flower garden of our own.—Eline Bundy, North Platte, Neb.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am ten years old and live on a farm. I am a lover of animals and flowers and like to read your Magazine. I have an aunt in Florida who has seen the buzzards and Moss-covered Oaks you told about. My Grandma has your notes of travel in Europe and Mexico, and I am going to read them.—Ruth Hollinshead, Columbiaville, Mich.

Dear Mr. Park:—My Grandma has taken your Magazine for many years, and I love to read your good letters to the children. I think they are getting better all the time. I have a pug dog named Dewy, and like the old General, he is a "scrapper." I am nine years old, and in the fourth room. I am an orphan; my Mamma died six years ago. I live with Grandma.—Irene B. Thompson, Edgar Co., Ill.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on a farm eight miles from Newbern, Tenn. We have a large barn, and a hay fork. I like to watch the fork carrying hay. I like autumn better than any other season. I wish I could spend a day with you and go out boat-riding. We have five goats. They are so gentle they will eat corn from my hands. I love flowers, and take the Magazine.

Ethel Park Forse.

Dyer Co., Tenn., Aug. 26, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I live with my Grandma in the oldest town in Ohio (Marietta). I go to school every day. I am in the fifth grade. Grandma has taken your Magazine for 12 years. She has lots of flowers, and in the summer I have a bed of flowers all my own. Inclosed find 5 cents for which you will send me your pamphlet with views about LaPark, and your portrait. My address is

Nellie Grant.

Marietta, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1907.

My Dear Uncle George:—I like your little Magazine very much, and find it a great help in caring for my flowers. What would the world be like if it wasn't for the beautiful flowers and singing birds. I agree with you that some cats ought to be thrown into the mill-pond. A few good cats may be necessary, but why keep the bad ones that kill and eat some of our most beautiful and musical songsters. What a pleasure it must be to live among all those beautiful flowers. It is a Paradise on earth. How I should like to take a walk with you! Yes, and some days we could take our dinners and eat upon the shady, grassy bank where the Roses reflect their beauty in the clear, deep water. Wouldn't that be nice? Your little friend.

Pansy.

Knox Co., Ohio, July 5, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 11 years. I live in the country and love country life. We have lots of chickens, ducks and turkeys. From the Geranium seeds you sent Mamma, we raised 15 plants as nice as they can be. They are in buds now. Mamma and I are lovers of Geraniums. We have a good many pot flowers. We have a pretty orange gourd vine which hangs full of little gourds, yellow as gold. Brother Chester and I have just come from play. He is three years old, and likes to wade the mud and see how muddy he can get. And the happiest time is to come yet for us, as Papa is going to thresh his wheat in two weeks. Think of us when we sit down to the delicious dinner—myself and little playmates. I wish you, Mr. Park, was with us, to tell us of your beautiful lawn and flowers. We love to read your Magazine.

Miss May Payton.

Fayette Co., Ind., Aug. 7, 1907.

CHICK-A-DEE-DEE.

During spring-time's cold storm
I provide in a tree,
A table well spread
For the Chick-a-dee-dee.

I asked him one day
To come in and get warm,
And stay in our home
Until after the storm.

But he said, "I would rather
Be out in the tree,
For I fear not the cold
When I'm happy and free."

"And I have three birdies
At home to be fed,
Do you think I'd be happy
To leave them in bed?"

"For the food you provide me
Up here in the tree,
I thank you and sing you
My Chick-a-dee-dee."

"I'll take this big crumb
To my babes, one, two, three,
And I'll come again
Singing my Chick-a-dee-dee.

Subscriber-

THE VIOLET.

Of all the lovely flowers that grow
In springtime here in Maine,
Of wild flowers on the hillside,
And Roses in the lane,
Of lovely apple-blossoms
Above the robin's nest,
Of all the lovely flowers,
I love the Violet best.

The Roses bright and fragrant are,
The Lilies bold and tall,
But low and modest, 'neath the shade,
The Violets best of all.
'Tis 'mong the first to greet us,
When the flowers come again,
And our hearts are filled with thankfulness.
When we see the Violet's train.

Miss Laura French.

Penobscot Co., Me., April 22, 1907.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am eight years old, and live in the country. My brother takes me to school most of the time on one of our horses, and my but we do have a fine ride sometimes. I have two calves, a pretty black dog named Rex, and a doll 32 inches high.—Esther Wills, Fayette Co., W. Va.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mother has taken your Magazine for five years, and I am very much interested in your letters. I like to read about birds and animals. I have got my brother to reading your letters to the children. I am ten years old, and go to school every day.—Ruth Chayman, Hood River, Oregon.

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Mrs. Theo. D. Kline,

Calhoun Co., Ala., July 14, 1907.

Mr. Park:—I certainly appreciate your Magazine, and every number is anxiously looked for and gladly welcomed. Most of my life I have been shut up in a large city, where few flowers cheered my pathway, save those in the parks and greenhouses, and like a bird in a cage, I longed for freedom in the country, where I could enjoy to its fullest extent, my heart's love of God's most gracious gift to man—beautiful flowers. The wish of my life is now realized, and from every nook and corner of my home some new beauty daily meets my anxious and loving gaze as I go about my work, making one forget sometimes they are tired. I feel I owe it all to the helps of your Magazine, the contents of which I have been eagerly devouring for four years. And now with best wishes for your success, I remain Yours respectfully,

Mrs. E. Wilkinson,

Spencer Co., Ind., June 15, 1907.

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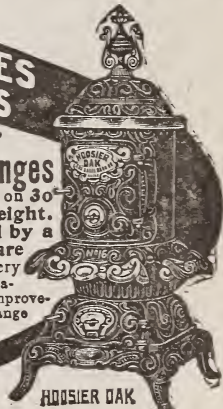
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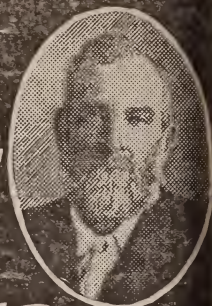
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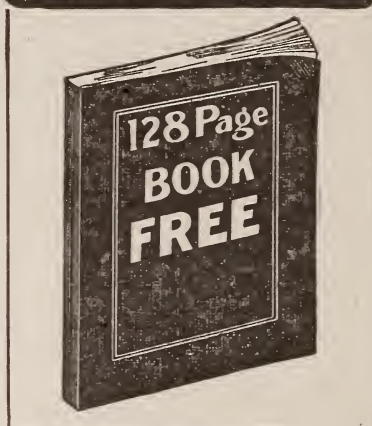
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